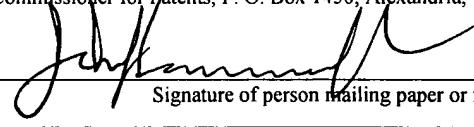




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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This is being filed in combination with a Request for Continued Examination, an Information Disclosure Statement, a petition for a 3 month extension of time for reply and an authorization to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.